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TO PALESTINIANS

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1. THE EGYPTIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS REPORTEDLY APPROVED
IN G-77 MEETING JULY 27 IN THE FORM TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL
(D). IT HAS NOT YET APPEARED AS A FORMAL PROPOSAL, NOR
HAVE WE A FIRM INDICATION OF THE AGENDA ITEM UNDER WHICH
IT WILL BE INTRODUCED.

2. THE FOREGOING PROBABLY MAKES THE FORMULA DISCUSSED
IN REFTEL (B) ACADEMIC, BUT IN ANY EVENT WE HAVE INFORMED
OUR CLOSE WESTERN ALLIES OF OUR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS PER
REFTEL (A) AND HAVE DISCOURAGED FURTHER THOUGHT OF A
FORMULA OF THIS SORT. WE ALSO ASSUME THAT THE
ELIMINATION OF ANY REFERENCE TO THE PLO WOULD BE
UNACCEPTABLE TO THE SPONSORS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS.

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3. THE ECOSOC MEMBERS OF THE EC-9 PLUS THE NETHERLANDS AS THEIR CHAIRMAN (ALL OF WHOM WERE AWARE OF OUR POSITION) MET ON JULY 27, WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS REPORTED TO US--PRETTY MUCH COINCIDING WITH OUR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM: THE FRG DELEGATION HAS INSTRUCTIONS GIVING LATITUDE TO VOTE "NO" OR ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED; THEY WILL PROBABLY ABSTAIN IN THE INTERESTS OF EC-9 UNIFORMITY. THE UK AND DENMARK HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN, IN ADDITION TO WHICH DENMARK HAS SOME PROBLEMS WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF THE RESOLUTION. FRANCE HAS TENTATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN ALTHOUGH IT IS APPARENTLY STILL TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF COMPROMISE LANGUAGE. ITALY AND BELGIUM ARE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. BEST GUESS IS THAT THE EC-9 MEMBERS WILL AGREE TO ABSTAIN.

4. WE HAVE ALSO CONTACTED THE CANADIANS, AUSTRALIANS AND JAPANESE, ALL OF WHOM ARE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. THE CANADIAN DELEGATION THINKS ITS INSTRUCTIONS MAY BE TO VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED IN VIEW OF THE GOC'S PUBLIC POSITION ON THE PLO'S STATUS.

5. REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF OUR INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED, IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROBABLE ABSTENTIONS OF OUR CLOSE ALLIES. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUGGESTIONS OF A SEPARATE VOTE ON THE OFFENDING PARAGRAPH, BUT WE WOULD NEVERTHELESS APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS COVERING THIS CONTINGENCY, I.E., HOW WE WOULD VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE AFTER VOTING AGAINST THE OFFENDING PARAGRAPH.

6. SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, WE WOULD PLAN TO MAKE A FINAL EXPLANATION OF VOTE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "WHILE THE US HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE MAIN SUBSTANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION, IT HAS VOTED AGAINST IT BECAUSE THE SPECIAL MENTION OF THE PLO IS INCONSISTENT WITH OUR WELL-KNOWN POSITION ON THE STATUS OF THAT ORGANIZATION,".ABRAMS

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